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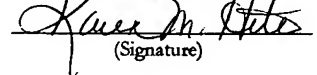
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examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the  
application.

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~Device~~ A device for automatically adjusting evacuation's  
means in an orienting and aligning machine in which the evacuation's means are integral with a cylinder  
wall (4) rotating around a vertical or slanted axis and comprise a plurality of cradles or tanks (2) under  
which a corresponding plurality of discharge hoppers or channels (3) are placed, characterized in that it  
provides adjusting means for cradles and vertical channel adapted to allow handling the vessels without  
knowing *a priori* the vessel dimensions and the ratios among vessels with different capacity in order to